AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph **[0002]** with the following amended paragraph.

Collapsible weighing scales are generally known. For example, such scales are shown and described in ~~Hulbert~~Hulburt, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,337,446, which is hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Please replace paragraph **[0004]** with the following amended paragraph.

Other collapsible scales, that provide a significant reduction in volume when in compact or collapsed form, are shown in ~~Hulbert~~Hulburt, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,337,446 (~~Hulbert~~ Hulburt '446 hereinafter). However, these scales, too, have certain disadvantages. In particular, the scales disclosed in ~~Hulbert~~ Hulburt can be complicated or inconvenient to deploy from a compact or collapsed arrangement. Often, these scales require multiple steps to expand from the compact configuration to an extended configuration suitable for use as a weighing scale.